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"WE DARE YOU"

MONTRÉAL STUDENTS CHALLENGE THE PQ ON ITS DEFICIT PLATFORM

by Tamana Kochar and Anup Grewal

Standing outside the Roddick Gates at McGill, Shawn Parker, a student at the School of Social Work, waited for his fellow demonstrators to join him..

Shawn, along with 25 other McGill students, was preparing for the Montréal component of the Pan-Canadian Week of Action, organised by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), last Thursday.

In Montréal, CFS joined with the Mouvement pour le droit à éducation, a group representing students at the city's two francophone universities and CEGEPS. The two groups were protesting not only federal cuts to social programmes and transfer payments, but also the recent moves made by Québec's Parti Québecois in the same direction.

Since last year, the province has cut $400 million from the education sector and plans are on the way for a further $700 million cut. At the same time, education institutions are being downsized and tuition fees are set to rise.

"People don't think that the cuts are serious," said Parker, looking around at the lack of interest shown by McGill students. "They always think that 'it's going to affect someone else', but it effects everyone."

"The whole thing is that education is a right, not a privilege, and if you don't support these kinds of demonstrations, then you are saying that education is a privilege, [that] it's for the rich," he continued.

The small showing at McGill, however, was not representative of the demonstration in general.

The more than 1,200 demonstrators from francophone universities and CEGEPS met at Phillips Square on St Catherine Street and proceeded to march down to René Levesque Boulevard, passing both federal and provincial government offices, including

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Blood on our hands

Questioning the benefits of animal research

by Zachary Schwartz

They don't look like murderers. Just outside the cafeteria of the Royal Victoria Hospital, two elderly volunteers are trying to fight multiple sclerosis by selling carnations. Eventually, the money that people donate to these volunteers will find its way just upstairs, to the next wing of the very same hospital, where people in lab coats are working towards a cure.

The volunteers, and the Canadian MS Society they represent, don't look like murderers. Neither does the researcher, the grad students, post-docs or technicians.

But according to students in the Concordia Animal Rights Association (CARA), a human and animal rights group, we all have blood on our hands — the blood of the very people we are trying to treat, and the blood of the billions of lab animals we kill as we search for those treatments.

"In this country, there are people who prostitute their way into a PhD by mutilating and destroying both the animals they vivisect, and the people that they kill with the inaccurate results of their 'experiments'," reads a brochure circulated during CARA's demonstration at McGill's McIntyre Medical Building on October 18.

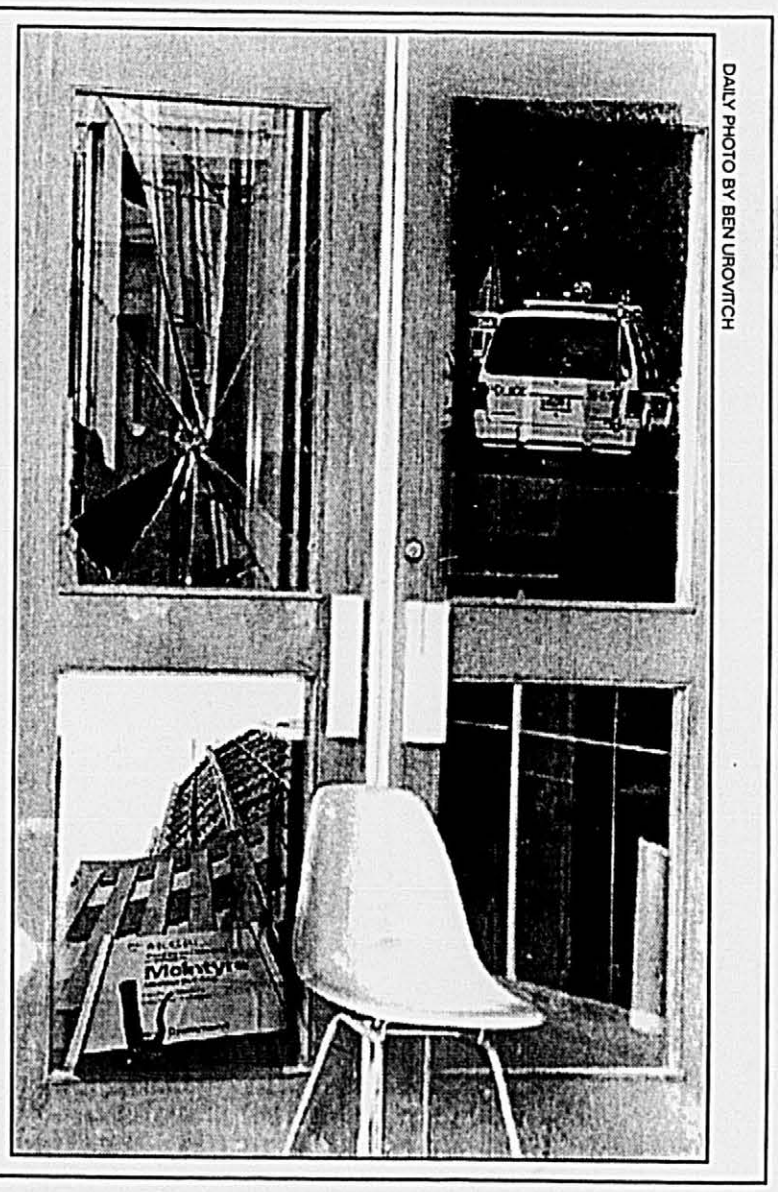
With the animal facilities perched on the top floor of McIntyre, the building's main entrance made a perfect venue for CARA to get their message out: "Animal research is real, it's here, it's not a pleasant thing and it's not scientifically viable."

Harsh words. But then, these protesters are up against a powerful dogma — a dogma that controls billions of Canadians' dollars, from both taxes and charities, and funnels them into universities and institutes for biomedical research.

It's a dogma so powerful that it convinces some university professors, private company researchers, students and post-docs to devote their entire lives to biomedical research using lab animals. All in the name of science and treating disease.

It's a dogma that says we can examine 'lower' animals to learn about humans and, according to CARA, it's a fallacy that is directly responsible for the human suffering it claims to end.

Over the years, the debate on animal lab testing has been framed in many ways, from the number of animals we kill, to the humane or inhumane treatment they receive, to whether or not regulatory organisations like the Canadian Council on Animal Care and McGill's own Animal Resource Centre really have the animals' best interest at heart.



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But for some, the debate leads to one overriding question: Are we wasting our time and resources by conducting research on non-human animals?

The answer from the scientific community is almost unanimous. The complexity of the human body, like any living organism, demands that our biological research be conducted in a system that can most closely approximate the real thing.

"The basic problem is that it's not black and white. Everything [in biology] is grey," says Dr. Richard Latt of McGill's Animal Resource Centre. "It's a bell curve, a smooth distribution."

It is a trade-off with which scientists are all too familiar: the more complex the system, the harder it is to understand the results. So we turn to simple models, like cultured tissues or even cells, which will give clear-cut results with

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL 30, 1996

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(Incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act)

BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30	1996	1995
Assets		
Current		
Cash	$ 24,715	$ 12,392
Short-term investments, at cost	162,056	165,665
Accounts receivable	19,480	28,141
Supplies	4,577	4,466
Prepaid expenses	5,747	4,915
	216,575	215,579
Capital assets (note 2)	19,607	16,368
	$ 236,182	$ 231,947
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	$ 33,560	$ 23,673
Surplus	202,622	208,274
	$ 236,182	$ 231,947

Approved on behalf of the Board:

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended April 30	1996	1995
Operations		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	$ (5,652)	$ 871
Items not affecting cash:		
Depreciation and amortization of capital assets	10,135	7,428
	4,483	8,299
Net change in non-cash working capital balances	21,214	(4,165)
	25,697	4,134
Investing activities		
Additions to capital assets	(13,474)	(7,579)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	100	-
	(13,374)	(7,579)
Increase (decrease) in cash	12,323	(3,445)
Cash position - beginning of year	12,392	15,837
Cash position - end of year	$ 24,715	$ 12,392

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STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

For the year ended April 30	1996	1995
Balance, beginning of year	$ 208,274	$ 207,403
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(5,652)	871
Balance, end of year	$ 202,622	$ 208,274

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 1996

1. Significant accounting policies

Capital assets
Capital assets are recorded at cost and depreciated or amortized as follows:

Straight-line method	
Office equipment	5-10 years
Typesetting equipment	3-10 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Computer software	3 years

Revenue recognition
Advertising revenue is recognized when advertisements are published in The McGill Daily newspaper.

2. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	1996 Net	1995 Net
Office equipment	$ 8,346	$ 4,891	$ 3,455	$ 3,441
Typesetting equipment	45,563	38,370	7,193	8,285
Computer equipment	18,196	10,043	8,153	4,107
Computer software	2,528	1,722	806	535
	$ 74,633	$ 55,026	$ 19,607	$ 16,368

3. Bank indebtedness

Bank indebtedness, outstanding at any time, is secured by moveable hypothec covering the following universality of property, present and future:

a) Claims, accounts receivable and book debts.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Daily Publications Society/
Société de Publications du Daily

We have audited the balance sheet of Daily Publications Society/Société de Publications du Daily as at April 30, 1996 and the statements of revenue, surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at April 30, 1996 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE

For the year ended April 30	1996	1995
Revenue		
Advertising	$ 167,446	$ 167,330
Students' fees	138,447	136,258
Other	14,161	10,651
	320,054	314,239
Expenditures		
Printing and distribution	102,350	98,528
Production	22,839	31,336
Editorial	37,199	39,858
Selling	62,379	49,794
Administration	90,804	86,424
Depreciation and amortization	10,135	7,428
	325,706	313,368
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	$ (5,652)	$ 871

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 1996

4. Income taxes

The Society is classified as a non-profit organization pursuant to Section 149(1)(L) of the Canadian Income Tax Act and Section 996 of the Quebec Taxation Act and as a result is not liable for income taxes.

"Caring for the Earth": Talks or Actions?

The World Conservation Congress closed its doors Wednesday October 23, after ten days of assemblies, workshops, special events, excursions and exhibition. So what will this gathering really do? This is the question I was asking myself even before the conference started. But I realised that a conference is not about doing, at least not for the short term. Let me explain myself.

As a student eager to learn, and especially eager to apply my training in the field of environment and community participation, I did everything in my power to attend this conference: 3, 000 people from around the world, representing 850 governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were gathered under one roof to discuss issues of environment and sustainable development. Pretty impressive!

So I attended the sessions. I have to say the quality of the sessions varied. Some were absolutely worthwhile, others, on the other hand, did not have anything new to say.

But one day I was strolling in the halls and met some very exciting people from international and local NGOs. And suddenly I realised that the real meaning of conferences is not what is said in the sessions per se, but the networking that is done on the side. It is a rare chance for organisations (public, private and NGOs) to meet, exchange ideas, e-mail and provide long lasting links between each other.

Why gather under one roof? Because even though technology would permit a country to develop contacts, not every country is properly equipped [to do so] and above all, nothing replaces the human relationship.

Naive as I am, I still wanted to believe that the conference should yield some immediate benefit, something that is concrete. And then, while listening to Sir Shridath Ramphal (former Secretary General of the Commonwealth, author of *Our Country, the Planet* and *Our Global Neighbourhood*, and immediate past president of the World Conservation Union, which organised the conference) on sustainable conservation, I realised that what environmentalists, NGO personnel, scientists and sociologists are asking the government to do is to look at long-term development, in other words, to change the reflex of wanting quick results towards creating a more sustainable outcome in the long run. Yet here I was hoping and wanting something to come out of these meetings right away!

The resolutions voted on during this 20th General Assembly of the World Conservation Union will not yield immediate results, but will and are affecting the behaviour of their members and will probably, influence the future decision-making processes of their respective governments.

After all, a conference is about discussion and exchange, it is about *talking*. The *doing* is up to you and me, and to the organisations and governments who sign the resolutions.

For more information on the World Conservation Congress look up this WWW site: http://www.IUCN.org/wcc/

— by Andrea Doucet

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Students march for education

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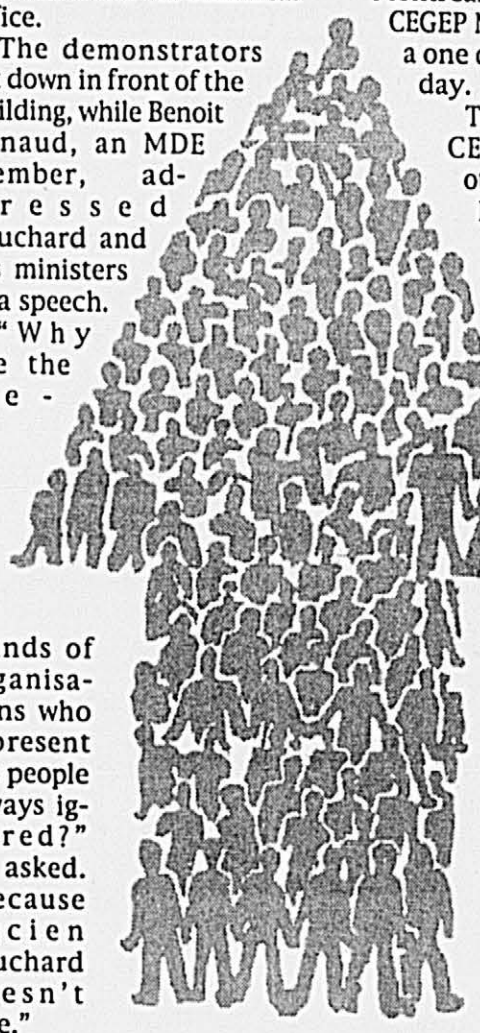


the Hydro Québec building where Premier Lucien Bouchard has his Montréal office.

The demonstrators sat down in front of the building, while Benoit Renaud, an MDE member, addressed Bouchard and his ministers in a speech.

"Why are the demands of organisations who represent the people always ignored?" he asked. "Because Lucien Bouchard doesn't care."

"But today, this week, and next week, Mr Bouchard," he continued, "you will hear our voice and our fight for justice because we are not economic phenomena, but we are reality and real human beings."

Renaud announced that student bodies at CEGEPS everywhere have been voting in their general assemblies for a general strike. Already, students at the CEGEPs Maisonneuve, Shawinigan, Sherbrooke, and Vieux Montréal are on strike, while CEGEP Marie Victorime had a one day strike for Thursday.

The demands of the CEGEPs are, among other things, for the PQ to stop the cuts to education, to maintain the historic tuition freeze in the province, to reverse the recent changes to financial aid, and to abolish the new system of grading CEGEP students which partly bases the students' standing on the ranking of the CEGEP they attend.

This most recent wave of general strikes by Québec students fits well into the tradition of such an action. Student strikes happened in 1968, 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1988 and 1990 — the last time the tuition freeze was threatened.

"Students are an investment that society has to make in the future," said one demonstrator, "it's a very narrow-minded idea to cut back in education. By doing this, the government is giving the future more violence, more unemployment and more racism."

The message of solidarity that came out in the demonstration is telling of the level of protest that will be seen in this city over the next week. As Erin Runions of the McGill Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and member of CFS said, "Today, the big movement is the francophone one — they are the militant ones here."

comment

Referendum? What referendum?

McGill's undergraduate Students' Society (SSMU) is having a hard time acting on student opinion, especially as it relates to the tasty beverage of the 'new generation.'

Last spring, sparked by campus-wide protests against a SSMU contract signed with Pepsi, students voted overwhelmingly in favour of creating a new committee to advise SSMU on the ethics of their investments. This year, SSMU Council braced itself for another referendum, asking the very same question.

Why? Nobody could find the French version of last year's referendum question, and under SSMU's constitution all SSMU documents must be bilingual. Thus, the Chief Returning Officer deemed the referendum invalid.

SSMU had to decide who to ignore: the majority of students who voted in last year's referendum, or the francophone students who had been excluded.

With the swift and efficient manner we've come to expect from SSMU, it was "ascertained that there was indeed a French version of the question put before the student body."

Democracy was saved.

Or was it?

In the very same referendum, undergraduates voted to "officially, publicly and repeatedly condemn and petition corporations to withdraw from the Union of Myanmar (Burma)" — corporations like Pepsi, whose logo decorates SSMU publications and buildings.

Recognising the contradiction between SSMU policy — determined democratically by students — and SSMU practices, Council tossed around the idea of forcing the SSMU-published *Tribune* to tack a disclaimer condemning Pepsi under all Pepsi advertisements.

The motion was recalled when Council recognised that newspapers resent being told what to do. Councillors spoke out against infringing on freedom of the press.

It was enough to make any *Daily* or *Tribune* staffer cry with joy. Except that Council also decided that buying space in the *Tribune* to run ads condemning Pepsi would be too expensive, as would running such ads in the Shatner building, near Pepsi signs and vending machines.

The question of what to do has been forwarded to a Council committee. One clear fact remains: SSMU must fulfill its mandate and listen to the voice of students.

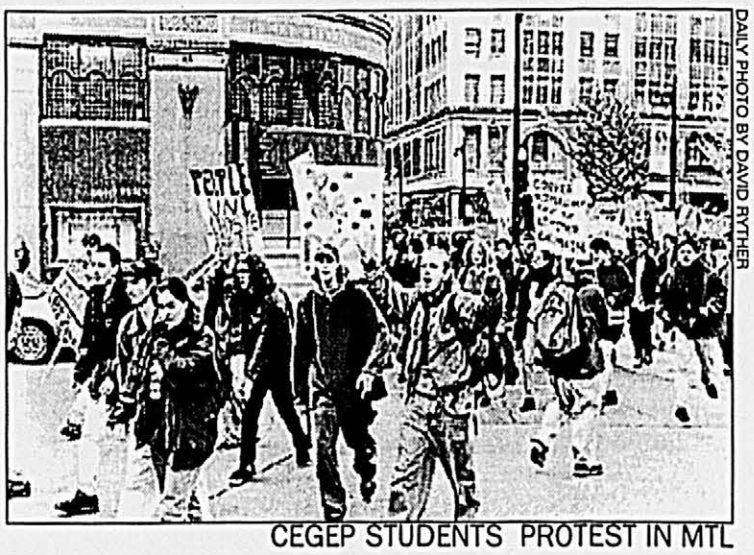
— Zachary Schwartz

From coast to

Last week, students across the country joined forces to protest the steady erosion of accessible post-secondary education.

Staggering demonstrations took place all week starting in Manitoba and Saskatchewan on Monday and culminating in what is being billed as the largest demonstration in Canadian history on Saturday in Toronto.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is calling for an immediate freeze on tuition fees in all provinces and territories, a federal system of student grants, the elimination of income-contingent loan repayment, the implementation of a federal (government) Higher Education Agreement, changes to the Canadian Student Loans Program and an end to (the federal government's) federal cuts to post-secondary education.



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CEGEP STUDENTS PROTEST IN MTL

MANITOBA

STUDENTS PROTEST NEW UNIVERSITY FUNDING BILL

In Manitoba on Monday, despite a disappointing turnout of only 50 students, demonstrators were successful in their attempt to draw media attention to student concerns, in particular their opposition to the province's new Bill 32.

Bill 32 would alter the existing funding structure to colleges and universities in the province. Currently, funding to post-secondary institutions is administered by the University Grants Commission and the College Council.

The provincial Minister of Education, Linda McIntosh, wants to combine these two bodies into one council. The 11-member council would be appointed by the Minister and no student representation has been allotted.

Kemline Nembhard, a CFS fieldworker, characterises the restructuring as a "power grab." Because the council is not elected, she is concerned that "it is not accountable to the people. There is more power to the Minister, enabling her to take things out of the public arena and put these issues behind closed doors without public input."

A further concern with Bill 32 is the possibility that it would pave the way for increased interference by the province into the internal structure of the universities. Academic policy, including academic freedom, program cuts and curriculum content would come under the jurisdiction of the council.

"The bill is based on downsising rationalisation. It would mean cutting programs, which is especially threatening to smaller universities," commented Elizabeth Carlyle, the Manitoba representative for CFS.

Because of the deplorable track record of the Conservative majority government, students do not expect Bill 32 to be defeated. However, they are calling for amendments to the bill. They are demanding student representation on the council, a recognition of the need for institutional autonomy, academic freedom and grassroots decision-making regarding funding distribution.

Students say that even now, the process by which political decisions are being made is laughable.

Carlyle points to the hearing process leading up to the November 7 vote on Bill 32 in the provincial legislature. CFS was not notified about the public hearings until the day they were scheduled to take place. Delegates were given ten minutes each to present their views on the proposed legislation and some students were not even able to attend because the only forum for discussion was in Winnipeg.

The government's treatment of Bill 32 is just one example of how "they are steamrollering through the legislation," said Carlyle.

Nembhard declared "the bill is going to pass — they're really arrogant. They're only debating 12 of 75 proposed bills which entail huge changes to welfare, social assistance and labour laws."

McIntosh has not been receptive to students. She dismissed demonstrators' concerns, claiming their demands were inconsistent with those of other students'.

Organisers attribute this rift to the fact that Manitoba universities are represented by both CFS and CASA. CASA did not endorse the CFS-initiated National Day of Action.

Nembhard commented that "the student voice was split and the Minister used this as an excuse to skirt the issues."

NEWFOUNDLAND

CROWD OF 3,000 STOP TRAFFIC TO SAY 'NO' TO CUTS

The Day of Action rally in St. John's, Newfoundland on Tuesday drew a crowd of nearly 3,000. Students and labour unions marched from Memorial University to the provincial legislature, where they protested to denounce government cuts to education and social services.

Carrying a casket with the word *Education* inscribed on the side, the crowd blocked the Prince Phillip archway, stopping traffic for the duration of the demonstration. When Liberal Minister of Education Roger Grimes went to the microphone to speak, he was shouted down by angry demonstrators.

ONTARIO

CROWD OF 10,000 PROTESTERS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP

The Week of Action culminated in Toronto on Friday with the largest demonstration yet. A diverse crowd of 10,000 gathered in front of the Ministry of Education on Bay St. to denounce Progressive Conservative Premier Mike Harris' decimation of education and social services.

"We're here to send one message to this minister [Education Minister John Snobelen]: people will not stand for the erosion of our public education system," said Vicky Smallman, Ontario chair of CFS.

Students protested in solidarity among union leaders and the Anti-Poverty Coalition. Members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) and the Federation of Women Teachers were also on hand to hear a series of speeches.

Students at the rally expressed fear over steadily increasing post- secondary tuition fees. Colleen Bower, a fourth year Nursing student at Ryerson University decried the fact that not only does she have to pay more for tuition, but — due to Harris' assault on the health sector — her future in the field is also jeopardised.

Judy Darcy, President of CUPE, articulated concerns about the direction of the education sector in Ontario as Harris moves dangerously close to an increasingly privitised, American-style school system.

"In Toronto, because of the mass cuts to education, the Metro Separate School Board is considering selling 38 schools to Johnson Consortium [a US consortium]," commented Darcy. "Private companies are taking over curriculum in classrooms."

Harris has set a dangerous precedent which could pave the way for provincial governments nation-wide to take similar measures.

"All provinces take their cues from the federal government and from each other. As one province leads in the cuts, the others are free to follow," said Brad Levigne, national president of CFS.

Despite a general consensus on the success of the rally, no one was prepared to rule out the possibility of a more extensive general strike as the next step to counter Harris' drastic agenda.

Many declared that Friday's demonstration was only the beginning of an intensified campaign against Harris' policies.

"This is just one step in the long and hard battle ahead of us. We are building towards a province-wide strike," asserted Smallman.

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coast, unite

Pan-Canadian week of action brings students together in protest

by Andrea Mason and Sonia Verma

SASKATCHEWAN

EDUCATION MINISTER DODGES QUESTION OF TUITION FREEZE

Also on Monday, students in Saskatchewan marched to the provincial legislature, stopping traffic as they marched single file through the streets of Regina. Protesters met with a slightly more receptive response from Liberal Deputy Minister of Education Dan Ferrins when they presented him with a petition of 1,500 signatures calling for a two-year tuition freeze.

Demonstrators staged a sit-in in the lobby of the provincial legislature while CFS and Student Union representatives met with Ferrins.

According to Jan Olsen, Component Treasurer at the University of Regina Students' Union, "Ferrins invited us in to talk but avoided any discussion of our call for a tuition freeze."

Given Ferrins' unwillingness to talk about the issue, Olsen is not optimistic that students' demands will be met.

For Olsen, another bad omen is the recently released Mitchell Report on the status of post-secondary education, commissioned by the provincial government, which states that "universities need to cut programs or the province will step in and do it for them."

Ferrins was interested, however, in discussing improvements to the currently inadequate student representation on administrative and governmental bodies.

"On the University of Regina's Board of Governors there is one student (representative), and because of confidentiality stipulations, he's not allowed to tell us anything. We don't get much feedback from him," commented Olsen.

Despite Ferrins' apparent openness to changes, the Saskatchewan provincial government has failed to ensure that students' voices are heard when it comes to issues affecting their education. Olsen declared that "One or two token students were invited to express their ideas concerning the Mitchell Report but they were ignored at the meetings."

University of Regina students were supported by the university's faculty, as well as the non-academic staff union. The Saskatchewan Union of Nurses along with anti-poverty groups and unemployment workers joined the demonstration to denounce government cuts to social services.

However, support was lacking from other schools in the province. The University of Saskatchewan at the Saskatoon Students' Union voted against participating in the demonstration despite student body support for the protest initiative because "Their [University of Regina] issues are not our issues."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PROTESTERS DRILL POLITICIANS ON SPENDING CUTS IN ELECTION LEAD-UP

In Prince Edward Island on Tuesday, 120 people gathered in downtown Charlottetown to demand an end to tuition fee hikes.

Representatives from the Action Canada Network, the Public Service Alliance Charlottetown, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the PEI Federation of Labour and the PEI Teachers' Federation marched in solidarity with students from the University of PEI and Holland College.

"We were hoping for more people but we're happy with the response from the press. All the major media was there. Our message was clear," commented Joe Byrne, CFS fieldworker in PEI.

The demonstration coincided with the announcement of a provincial election on November 18. The leaders of the NDP and Conservative parties and the Liberal party's Minister of Higher Education met face-to-face with protesters.

Student leaders asked whether each party would implement a tuition freeze.

According to Byrne "the Tories promised a stable long-term funding system without providing any details whatsoever." When pressured to respond to the question of tuition hikes, PC leader Pat Binns asserted "you don't develop policy in a vacuum."

Liberal Minister of Higher Education Paul Connolly promised not to pass on the cuts from the Canada Health and Social Service Transfer (CHST) to post-secondary students. He also encouraged students to apply for a $2, 000 rebate which is available.

But Byrne pointed out that Connolly "skipped the fact that you have to borrow $6, 000 and have high marks to qualify for the rebate."

The only concrete assurance of a tuition-freeze came from NDP leader Herb Dickieson who declared that the NDP is "committed to post-secondary funding." But this is a moot promise given that the NDP will almost surely not form the next government in four weeks time.

VP External Chris Gray from the Students' Union at the University of PEI said he was disappointed with the low turnout at the protest.

"Not many students showed up because they are reactive, not pro-active. They won't get angry until you give them reason to get angry. Its hard to convey the message that if they don't come out now, the Liberals will definitely hit us with the 20% increase in tuition which they've been threatening."

NOVA SCOTIA

POLICE MEET DEMONSTRATORS AT PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Students in Nova Scotia marked the Pan-Canadian Week of Action with a rally drawing 500 students and supporters — as well as the police.

After a series of speeches, protesters took their message to Province house, the provincial legislature. Demonstrators were calling for a tuition freeze, the maintenance of national standards of education and a revamping of the outdated student loan programme. But the politicians chose not to address their concerns.

"Robert Harrison, the Minister of Education refused to meet with individual students," commented Jessica Squires, a CFS executive member.

"A security guard came out, saying that if we didn't leave, they would call the police - everyone cheered," Squires said.

Demonstrators refused to leave and later, six police officers arrived at the rally. Although no arrests were made, police have billed the students for the clean-up costs of chalk figures of dead students drawn on the legislature's driveway.

Students at the rally said they were fed up with politicians ignoring the problem of increasingly inaccessible education.

"We are experiencing a decrease in the quality of education while we're seeing an increase in tuition, which is ridiculous," said Cindy Yetman, a participant at Tuesday's protest.

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STUDENTS MOURNING THE DEATH OF ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

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NO CONSENSUS

GROUPS PLAN PROTEST AT CONSENSUS SEEKING SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

by Anup Grewal

What began as an idea to create a societal consensus on the economic policies guiding Québec has turned into a focal point of protest against the Parti Québecois government.

The second socio-economic summit organised by the PQ will run tomorrow through Thursday in downtown Montréal's Sheraton Centre.

While union representatives, student groups and community organisations are preparing to negotiate with the government and big business leaders, others will be outside demonstrating against what they claim is a false attempt to foster consensus.

According to a document of the Comité sans emploi, one of the groups planning to demonstrate, "In bringing together, under the same roof, the heads of unions, community, student and women's groups with the bosses of business, the government is seeking legitimacy for the cuts it's announcing. This is exactly what we have to stop."

The main concern of the demonstrators, including unions and seniors and women's groups, is that PQ leader Lucien Bouchard has already decided what he wants to do — slash social programmes with the goal of reaching a zero deficit by 1999.

At the first socio-economic summit last March, consensus prioritised the clean-up of public finances and the elimination of the debt in four years.

Since then, Québec has seen cuts to welfare and social housing, as well as a proposed $700 million reduction in spending on education, to name just a few — causing some to wonder whether Bouchard is really listening.

"We are disgusted with even the idea of having dialogue with this government," comments Dee Lacomte, a volunteer with the Comité.

"A few years ago people were discussing with the PQ because we thought they had social concerns, but now we have received a slap in the face," she continues.

Gary Saxe of the Committee for the Defense of our Social Programmes points out that although organisations taking part in the protest will also be represented at the summit, they will not accept the current trend of cutting social services.

But not everyone is taking such a hard stance.

According to Atim León of the Féderation étudiante universitaire Québecois (FEUQ), "The only way to change the government's mind is through discussion."

FEUQ will be proposing the concept of work time-share in public sector jobs so that more, not less, people will be hired, especially young people. The group will also propose a special law to ensure that financial aid and zero tuition hikes are maintained.

But FEUQ doesn't have any illusions of their clout at this summit. "We are not a great weight — like business or the unions — but the power we will have is that of a conscience," says León.

According to León, while FEUQ has decided to participate in the summit, he doesn't rule out the effectiveness of the demonstration. León hopes that organisations with more clout at the summit will help FEUQ push for its cause.

But, according to Benoit Marsan of Le Mouvement pour le droit à education, discussion with the PQ at this time is pointless, since the PQ already has a determined mandate.

For Marsan, "If we want to be heard, to be listened [to] by Bouchard, we will have to have a large protest with everyone there."

The first demonstration will be held in front of the Sheraton Centre, at the corner of René Levesque and Drummond, at 17h on Tuesday, October 29.

brief

Commission sides with students

In the never-ending battle over tuition, a third party has given its ruling in favour of students. After nearly a year of consultations with "stakeholders" in Québec education — including students and administrators — the commission for the Estates General on Education has finally released its recommendations, proposing changes to all levels, from pre-school to university.

The report advocates an increase in private funding to make up for public funding losses, and states that university tuition fees should be raised "as a last resort only."

"Despite the enormous political pressures from the administrators, the commission studied the question [of tuition] increases with impartiality, says the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec. "The verdict is clear and [Education] Minister [Pauline] Marois must side with the Québec consensus...."

But McGill administration says that tuition should be raised. Principal Bernard Shapiro believes that McGill is ready for last resort measures. "All [the tuition freeze] means is fewer classes, fewer professors, fewer books, fewer everything."

The commission admits that universities have a funding problem but questions whether it is the fault of universities' mismanagement or of the government's lack of committment to funding. In a report released in the summer, Don McGowan, vp university affairs of the undergraduate Students' Society, advised to "rework the system" rather than demand higher tuition fees in order to maintain accessibility. Instead of closing faculties, he proposed "more administrative agreements and more bureaucratic cooperation."

It is still unclear whether or not the Estates General report will have much impact on Québec educational policy. Marois has not excluded tuition increases as part of her policy despite the recommendations of the report. A new committee will be formed to re-evaluate the universities' finances and make specific recommendations which could be implemented as soon as early next year.

— Jason Chow

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ANIMAL RESEARCH

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give clear-cut results with most variables controlled. The difficulty is that these results cannot necessarily be applied to a more complex system like an actual human.

But CARA rejects this trade-off. Any experiment is no more than an approximation of the real situation, the group says, and its results are therefore invalid.

"It is by definition impossible to recreate a naturally-occurring human disease in a healthy animal (or a healthy human being for that matter) simply because once it is 'recreated', it is artificial and therefore not the original, natural disease," reads the CARA pamphlet.

"[E]xperimental research cannot find cures for any diseases no matter how many animal or human experiments are performed. Clinical research is the only way to get valid answers."

But the scientific community believes that the answers from research are valid, and that the complexity of biology is a challenge that can be overcome only by exploring and refining more models.

"The enigma is that because of the complicated nature of disease, the multifactorial nature, you sometimes have to do more animal-based research," says Latt.

Counters CARA, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, muscular dystrophy, leukaemia, Alzheimer's and AIDS — none of these diseases have been cured because the research we do is based on misleading data from artificially diseased animals.

Yet the American Medical Association lists those same diseases and health problems as evidence for the success of biomedical research.

CARA is not convinced. Except for the control of infectious diseases, which was accomplished thanks to nutrition, hygiene and public sanitation, biomedical research's effort to ease human suffering has been a complete failure, they say. And this misdirection of funds, CARA believes, only increases the expenditures connected with health care.

"People do [research] because of money, power and recognition; they're not interested in easing suffering," says CARA's Rebecca Aldworth.

Harsh words against the scientific community, but CARA's question still stands: What have we gained, and at what cost?

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Monday, October 28

• **LBGTM's** political branch will hold a planning meeting for all interested volunteers, Union 432. 17h. Info 398-6822.

• **McGill Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** information session regarding animal ingredients in food and cosmetics, Union 107/108. 11h30-14h30.

Tuesday, October 29

• **LBGTM** Coordinating (planning) meeting, Union 432. 18h30.

• **The Concordia School of Community and Public Affairs** presents the film *You Won't Need Running Shoes, Darling*, DeSêve Theatre (1400 De Maisonneuve W.). 18h (reception follows).

Wednesday, October 30

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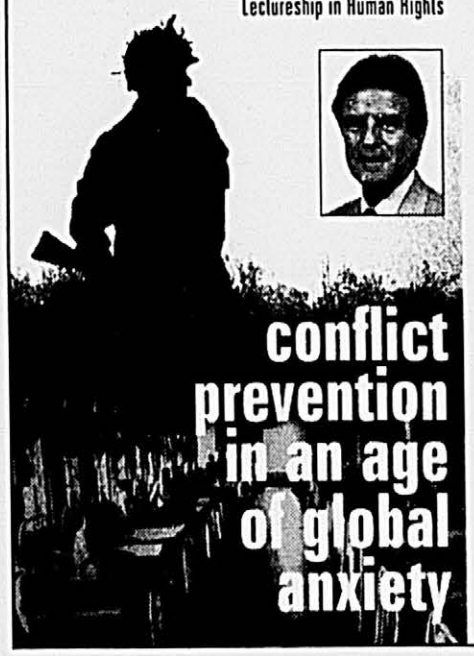

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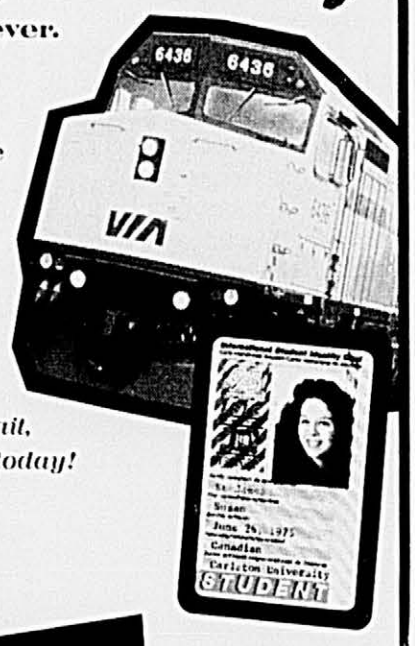

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